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(Case No. 99,418)

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Mueller et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2739  
Serial No.: 09/472,383 ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
Filed: December 23, 1999 )  
For: Home Networking Using Existing DSL )  
Equipment )

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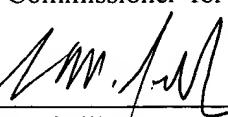
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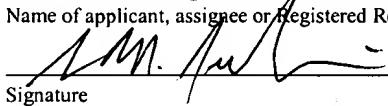


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby disclose the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of each of the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 is enclosed herewith, or has already been submitted or cited in a prior application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d). Applicants request that these



documents be considered and made of record in this application.

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**I. REFERENCES DISCLOSED**

**A. U.S. Patents**

<b>PATENT NUMBER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>INVENTOR</b>
5,579,308	November 29, 1996	Humpleman

**B. Foreign Patents and Applications**

The following foreign patents and/or applications are brought to the Examiner's attention.

<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b>	<b>PUBLICATION DATE</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
WO 99/23789	14 May 1999	PCT	JUL 11 2001
BC Other Documents			Technology Center 2100

The following documents are also brought to the Examiner's attention.

**DOCUMENT TITLE:**

Chow, P.S., et al., "A Multi-Drop In-House ADSL Distribution Network", International Conference on Communications (ICC), US, New York, IEEE, 1 May 1994 (1994-01-01), pp. 456-460.

International Search Report dated 29 March 2001, for PCT/US00/34654.

**II. CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an International Search Report from the

International Searching Authority in a counterpart international application no more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

**III. CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose, teach, or suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, wish to bring these documents to the attention of the Examiner for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make these documents of record.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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